

Baltimore-Washington Rail Intermodal Facility

Summary of Comment Cards Received at the Beltsville Academy Elementary School, Hebron-Harman Elementary School and Elkridge Landing Middle School Public Workshops Held on April 20, 21 and 27, 2011

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Following is a summary of the information that was provided by attendees who completed Comment Cards at the Beltsville, Hanover and Elkridge Public Workshops.

Attendance: A total of 400 people signed in at the three workshops and an unknown number of attendees did not sign in bringing overall attendance to over 450 people.

Comment Cards: 158 comment cards (35% of the attendees) were submitted at the workshops. When a person submitted multiple comment cards those cards were counted as one card; however, the contents from all comments cards were included. A number of attendees said they would send comment cards by the requested date of May 27. After that date this summary will be updated.

Email Addresses: 114 persons provided their email addresses to be added to the project mailing list.

How did you hear about the workshop?

Respondents indicated that they heard about the workshop from multiple sources as shown below:

Post Card	63	29%
Newsletter	45	21%
Website	26	12%
Newspaper	15	7%
Other	67	31%
TOTAL	216	100%

Was the Open House format of tonight's workshop effective?

Of the 158 persons who submitted a comment card 121 answered the question regarding the effectiveness of the workshop format. As indicated below nearly 75% of the respondents indicated that the workshop format was fully or somewhat effective:

Yes	81	67%
No	31	26%
Somewhat	9	7%
TOTAL	121	100%

Different formats were suggested by several attendees for future workshops including town hall meetings, open public forums, formal meetings with a presentation followed by question and answer session and a combination of displays and a question and answer session open to all attendees.

In the future, how would you like the project team to share updates and new developments?

Email is the preferred means whereby attendees desire to be kept informed about the project. While not as great, interest was also expressed in being updated by way of Workshops, the Newsletter and Website as indicted below:

Website	50	20%
Newsletter	51	20%
Email	90	36%
Workshops	62	24%
TOTAL	253	100%

Do you have any comments regarding the project?

See Individual Workshop Summaries.

Did the workshop answer your questions? If not explain.

As can be seen below only 66 of the 158 people who provided comment cards answered this question. Of the 66 persons over 50% did not feel their questions were addressed adequately. Many persons submitted questions including several who provided lengthy lists of questions they would like answered.

Yes	25	38%
No	37	56%
Somewhat	4	6%
TOTAL	66	100%